

What is VA QUERI?

- In 1998, VA's Health Services Research and Development Service launched the VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI).
- The QUERI mission is to enhance the quality and outcomes of VA health care by systematically implementing clinical research findings and evidence-based recommendations into routine clinical practice.
- QUERI is founded on the principle that practice needs determine the research agenda, and research results determine interventions that improve the quality of patient care.

Stroke QUERI Web Site

www.va.gov/stroke-queri

VA National QUERI Web Site

www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/queri/

Stroke QUERI Development

- The Stroke QUERI will work to improve the discovery, evaluation, implementation, and sustained adoption of evidence-based best practices in the VA and the broader national health care system.
- The Stroke QUERI encourages investigators working in the field of stroke. Contact the Administrative Coordinator of the Stroke QUERI for information regarding Stroke QUERI opportunities.

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Stroke Facts

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for more than 1 of every 15 deaths in the United States. More than 700,000 persons experience a new or recurrent stroke each year, resulting in an approximated cost of \$58.6 billion. On average, every 45 seconds an American has a stroke, every 3 minutes someone dies of stroke in this country, and 15%-30% of stroke survivors have serious, long-term disability. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) estimates that 15,000 veterans are hospitalized for stroke each year with a new stroke costing an estimated \$111 million for acute inpatient care, \$75 million for post-acute inpatient care, and \$88 million for follow-up care over 6 months post-stroke.

Stroke QUERI Mission

The mission of the Stroke Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (Stroke QUERI) is to employ the QUERI process to reduce stroke risk and maximize the functional status and quality of life of veterans with stroke by systematically implementing clinical research findings and evidence-based guidelines into routine clinical practice.

Stroke QUERI Goals

1. Improve implementation of the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Defense (VA/DoD) clinical practice guidelines for the management of stroke rehabilitation.
2. To ensure that a plan for rehabilitation is considered for all stroke patients.
3. To determine best clinical implementation strategies and patient self-management plans for anticoagulation to reduce the risk of stroke recurrence.
4. Diagnose gaps in evidence-based practice for Post Stroke Depression and work to implement multidisciplinary screening and treatment initiatives to reduce the physical, emotional, and social burden of depression after stroke.

A long-term goal of the Stroke QUERI is to expand the scope of the research portfolio to include other secondary prevention measures and early phases of stroke care.



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